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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer ADS

RE:

Site Inspection, ECDC, ECDC Clay Mine, M/015/062, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

June 19, 1996

Time of Inspection:

1500 - 1630

Conditions:

Mostly cloudy, warm

Participants:

Darin Olson, ECDC; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

To examine the current status of the mine site

The inspection began with a brief overview tour of the ECDC landfill. We then visited the clay mine site which is adjacent to the Pagano Clay operation M/015/062. Darin indicated their activity at this site last year consisted of loading stockpiled clay out. The clay was crushed & screened at the time of loading. They have been able to mine and stockpile enough clay in one year to satisfy their demands for a two year span. Darin anticipated that they may need to do some additional mining this year and he would like to review the mine plan filed with the Division. He is not aware of the specific mining details for the site and wants to make sure they are in compliance with what was agreed upon. He would also like copies of the current surety documents.

During this inspection there was no equipment or staff on site. Darin estimated the amount of clay currently stockpiled at the site to be around 10,000 tons. There was another stockpile of refined (crushed & screened) clay east of the main stockpile. A large pile of reject clay appears to be piled along the northern perimeter of the site. Overburden or cap rock is piled in several locations on the site. Topsoil stripping appears to have ended along the eastern edge of the site. Darin left the site around 1630 due to some other commitments. Photographs were taken of the site from various vantage points. The Division file will need to be reviewed for details of the approved mine plan; however, this site was associated with the noncompliance action for the Pagano Clay operation and there may only be a reclamation plan for the site.

jb cc:

Darin Olson, ECDC

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